Deposits in Nationalised Banks

1888. SHRI M. S. FURUPADASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total deposits in all the nationalised banks as on 31st December, 1986;

(b) the percentage of this deposits earmarked for distribution through Credit Camps;

(c) the authority to sanction and distribute these amount and the policy of distribution;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued to the banks in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) According to provisional data available from Reserve Bank of India, aggregate deposits of 28 public sector banks were Rs. 92371 crores as at the end of December, 1986.

(b) Banks are not required to earmark any percentage of deposits for distribution through credit camps.

(c) to (e) Banks organise credit camps on their own as a part of overall measures to enhance flow of credit to weaker sections. Reserve Bank of India conducted a study on credit camps. Government after examining the study report have decided that such camps be organised by banks in a more systematic manner. Reserve Bank of India has been advised to issue suitable guidelines to Banks in the matter.

Sick News Agencies and Newspapers

1889. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to take over or subsidise sick 'News Agencies' and sick 'News Papers';

(b) whether any special fund to finance such sick institutions has been set apart; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) This is due to Government's policy of non-interference in the functioning of the Press and its commitment to the growth of a free, healthy and non-subsidised press. Recommendations of the Second Press Commission (Chapter VIII, Para 162) have also been kept in view.

Civil Services reforms

1890. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to news item that appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 20th January, 1987 under the caption "Civil Services reforms is top priority";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether special emphasis likely to be given to civil servants who have excelled in their district charges as District Magistrate or Collector, keeping in mind social change;

(d) whether it is a fact that senior posting and promotions are generally

gonig to officers who have not handled district charges;

(e) if so, the reasons for showing favour to officers who did mostly secretariat service;

(f) what steps are being taken to remove such disparities and give adequate emphasis in matter of promotions to officers who did well in district service; and

(g) what are the details of such measures taken recently in administrative reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c), (e), (f), and (g) Appointments of officers to senior posts under the Government are based on an overall assessment of their record and performance in their career. A good record in field assignments will get reflected in this assessment. Guidelines have been issued from time to time for careers development of direct recruits in the IAS. Recently, guidelines were issued to all the States in regard to the need for providing filed experience to the officer at appropriate levels of their career.

(d) No, Sir.

Abolition of Excise Duty on capital goods

1891. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has suggested to Government to abolish Central Excise Duty on capital goods, and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The suggestion for abolition of excise duty on capital goods was considered but was not found acceptable.

Royalty to the authors of 'Builders of Modern India' series of books

1892. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of royalty paid to authors of books in the series of 'Builders of Modern India' during the last three years;

(b) what is the amount still to be paid to the authors during this period and the number of authors to whom payments are to be made; and

(c) what is the total number of world books of the said series during the last two years, language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The total amount of royalty paid to the authors of the books in the series 'Builders of Modern India' during the last three years (upto 23-2-87) is Rs. 35,730.73.

(b) An amount of Rs. 6,145.00 approximately is still to be paid to eight authors.

(c) The total number of books published in the series during the last two years (upto 23-2-87) is given below:

	1984-85	1985-86
1. English	5	2
2. Hindi	7	4
3. Assamese	1	—
4. Kannada	1	—
5. Marathi	1	1
6. Malayalam	—	1
7. Telugu	—	1
TOTAL :	15	9